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APPLICANT: HENNHÖFER ET AL.

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EXAMINER: R. KUNEMUND

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR TREATING A POLISHED SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER
HAS BEEN POLISHED

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non Final Office Action dated December 18, 2000, with the time for reply having been extended for three months, from March 18, 2001 until June 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as set forth in the Clean Copy of Amended Claims as follows. Also enclosed is a Marked-up Version of Amended Claim 14. New independent claims 17 and 18 are being added herewith, and new dependent claims 19 and 20 are also being added.